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RE: EPA Role in the SMBNEP

### **Introduction**

The Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP) has asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to summarize EPA's role in the SMBNEP. The discussion below is necessarily a summary, although it does highlight the primary functions of EPA in the locally-driven National Estuary Program (NEP) partnership in the Santa Monica Bay.

We believe that EPA's role can best be described as three separate but related activities.

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